



Missouri Minority Health Awareness Month 2007



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From the Office of Minority Health

Health and healthcare disparities continue to cloud the horizon for minority communities resulting in the increased risk of illness, injury and death. Currently, state health statistics indicate that minority populations are disproportionately plagued with conditions such as heart disease, cancer, diabetes, HIV/AIDS and many others. Wellness for all the citizens of this state are compromised when disparities, such as this exist.

In an effort to increase community awareness of these disparate circumstances, the month of April has been designated as *Minority Health Awareness Month* across the nation. This annual designation serves as a reminder that progress is being made in culturally appropriate access and care, but there is still much to do. *Minority Health Awareness Month* is also about honoring community heroes who make a difference in the lives of so many. Take time during this month to celebrate racial and ethnic diversity and recognize the common need for a healthy life and environment.

The mission of the Missouri Office of Minority Health is to develop systems and community capacity to eliminate health and wellness disparities. This can only be achieved through a heightened awareness of health, strategic partnerships and community engagement at every level. Consequently, minority health is about everyone -health care providers, social service organizations, industry, faith-based organizations, schools, policy makers and individuals getting involved. We urge the minority community to practice healthy behaviors, participate in health awareness activities and help someone else along the way to do the same.

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About the Minority Health Advisory Committee

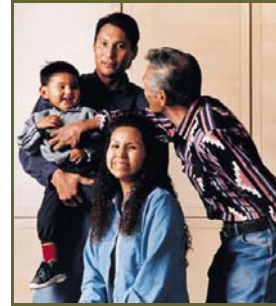
Alliance Goals:

- The alliance is the “bridge” between minority communities and public health care agencies to provide better access to services and to influence policies impacting minorities.
- The alliance offers open dialogue for sharing successes, problems, and barriers within the community and working together works to create solutions.



Alliance Efforts Include:

- Prioritizing issues of the minority community.
- Supporting community activities and organizations.
- Encouraging minority participation in health programs.
- Advising current community organizations on minority outreach.
- Identifying new community health partners.
- Special events.



For more information, or to be a member of the Minority Health Advisory Committee Regional Alliance, please call the Office of Minority Health toll-free at:



1-800-877-3180

Or write to:

Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services
Division of Community & Public Health
Office of Minority Health
930 Wildwood Drive—P.O. Box 570
Jefferson City, MO 65102





The Minority Health Alliances serve as a voice of advocacy and advice for the community in identifying and improving minority health status; serve with the purpose of establishing and maintaining meaningful communication on minority health issues; and to develop and submit specific recommendations to the Department of Health and Senior Services that will have a positive impact on minority health and wellness disparities at the local level and statewide.

Minority Health Advisory Committee

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Together We Can Make A Difference

**Join Your
Minority Health Advisory Committee
Regional Alliance!**

KICK-OFF PRESS CONFERENCES

March 26, 2007

St. Louis

St. Louis Connect Care

5531 Delmar Blvd

St. Louis, MO 63112

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

For more information, call Aileen Jacinta McMurrer at 314-862-7728.

March 30, 2007

Springfield

Rotunda of Histori

Greene County Courthouse

940 Boonville

Springfield, MO 65801

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call Elisa Coonrod at 417-895-6946.

CALENDAR

March 31, 2007

Northland Ethnic Festival

Park Hill High School (Gym)

7701 NW Barry Rd

Kansas City, MO 64152

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For more information, call 816-270-2141 or email hunts@missouri.edu. Sponsored by: Park Hill School District, University Extension, Mid-continent Public Library, Platte County Parks & Recreation, Park Hill Community Drug Task Force, Northland Diversity Council, and Union Bank.

April 1, 2007

FEDIA DE LA SALUD (Health Fair)

Milan Community Center

203 N. Market St.

Milan, MO 63556

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

This health fair program is open to the community focusing on the Latino population. For more information, call Valentina Mensa at 660-445-2025. Sponsored by: Milan Centro Latino.

April 4, 2007

Hispanic Grandparents Support Group (North County)

1st Wednesday of each Month

Holy Trinity Church

3500 Saint Luke Lane

St. Ann, MO 63074

10:00 a.m. – Noon

Newcomers are welcome! For more information, call Claudia Angenor at 314-752-1901 ext. 17.

April 5, 2007

HIV, AIDS and African American College Students

By Deloise Williams R. N.

Inman E. Page Library/Lincoln University

Lower Level

Jefferson City, MO 65101

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

This presentation is free and open to the public. For more information, call 573-681-5514. Sponsored in part by 8th District Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

April 6, 2007

Happy Feet—Diabetes Education Lunch & Learn

Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center

825 Euclid Ave.

Kansas City, MO 64124

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

For more information, call Nina Howard at 816-889-4643. Sponsored in part by Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center, Carondelet Hospital and SW Technologies.

April 6, 2007

Happy Feet – Diabetes Education

Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center

825 Euclid Ave.

Kansas City, MO 64124

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

This Lunch & Learn will focus on Diabetics and care for their feet as well as their whole body. Lunch will be served. Giveaways, a slide presentation, and Diabetic screenings will be offered. For more information, call Nina Howard at 816-889-4643. Sponsored in Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center, Carondelet Hospital, and Southwest Technologies.

April 7, 2007

World Health Day

April 9, 2007

Coalition of Hispanic Women Against Cancer

General Meeting

2100 Metropolitan Ave.

Kansas City, KS 66106

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

This community-based organization is looking for new members interested in volunteering their time to educate and raise awareness of early detection screening of cancer in the Greater Kansas City area. The group meets the 2nd Monday of each month, event dates vary. For more information on membership, call Francesca Beard at 913-831-2200.

Resources for Special Needs Children and the Mentally Challenged

Presented by School Teachers from St. Louis City School System

Location: TBA

7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

For more information, email Linda Mackey at ljoycema@charter.net. Sponsored by Berean Missionary Baptist District Association.

April 11, 2007

Dialogue on Improving Social and Health Care Services with the Kansas City Urban American Indian Community

Pioneer Campus

2700 East 18th St., Room 211

Kansas City, MO 64127

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

RSVP to the American Indian Council at 816-471-4898.

Safe Return Free Registration Days

Various locations throughout greater St. Louis and Southeast Missouri

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Safe Return is a nationwide identification, support and registration program that provides assistance when a person with dementia becomes lost. Individuals can register their loved ones with dementia who reside in one of the 28 Missouri counties. For more information or to find a registration site near you, call the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-890-9080. Sponsored by: Alzheimer's Association St. Louis Chapter.

Lifestyle Changes for Better Health

People's Health Centers

5701 Delmar Blvd

St. Louis, MO 63112

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Free screenings/testing for high blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol, dental, HIV/AIDS, and PSAs will be available. For more information, call Rosalyn Fulton at 314-460-3648 or Keenon Butler at 314-245-1030 or 314-367-7848. Sponsored by: People's Health Centers, Inc.

Kidney Early Evaluation Program (KEEP)

Health Screening

State Capitol Building

Hearing Room 2

201 E. Capitol Ave.

Jefferson City, MO 65101

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Free screenings/testing for kidney disease will be available. You should attend a KEEP screening if you are 18 years or older and have one or more of the following: Diabetes; High Blood Pressure; and/or a parent, grandparent, brother or sister with diabetes, high blood pressure or kidney disease. For more information, call Ann Carpenter at 314-961-2828. Sponsored by: National Kidney Foundation and Office of Minority Health.

Multifamily Senior Housing Fair

Don Bosco Senior Center
580 Campbell
Kansas City, MO 64106
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

This event promotes HUD senior housing in the Kansas City metropolitan area. Come and find out about affordable senior housing, meet with property managers, learn about fair housing rights. Staff will be available to answer questions and much more. For more information, call Natalie Simms-Patton at 913-551-5595. Sponsored by: U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.

Minority Health Advisory Committee Eastern Regional Alliance Meeting

St. Louis Connect Care
5535 Delmar (2nd Floor Education Classroom)
St. Louis, MO 63112
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Alliance serves as the local advisory committee for minority health advocacy and information, and embodies community efforts in eliminating disparities and promoting wellness. For more information, call 1-800-877-3180.

April 12, 2007

Kansas City Chronic Disease Coalition Meeting

2700 E. 18th, Suite 257
Kansas City, MO 64127
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

This event will be a fun physical activity on community gardening. For more information, call Marianne Ronan, Community Health Planner at 816-920-6840 or email to mronan@mo-pac.org.

April 13, 2007

Treatment Approaches for Older Adults With Depression

St. Luke's Northland-Barry Road Campus
Barry Medical Park Conference Center
5844 NW Barry Rd
Kansas City, MO 64154
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Registration fee is \$20. For more information, call Sally Kneibert at 816-468-0400 Ext. 153. Sponsored by: Tri-County Mental Health Services, Inc. with support of Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City.

April 14, 2007

Walk America – March of Dimes

Twin Lake Recreation Area
2500 Chapel Hill
Columbia, MO 65203

For more information, call the March of Dimes local office at 573-635-5350.

America's Walk for Diabetes

Lion's Lake
Washington, MO 63090
8:00 a.m. – Registration
9:00 a.m. – Walk starts

For more information, call 1-888-DIABETES (342-2383) ext. 6830.

Kansas City Breakfast Club for Alzheimer's Association

St. Louis Center
5930 Swope Parkway
Kansas City, MO 64130
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

A hometown support experience where people gather in a safe environment and where support is provided in a round table way. For more information, call Kelly Loeb at 913-831-3888 or kelly.loeb@alz.org. Sponsored by: Alzheimer's Association.

Healthy Kid's Day

Carondelet YMCA
600 Loughborough Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63111
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

This is a FREE event for children and adults; everyone is welcome! Activities include a scavenger hunt, Fire Department Safe House, inflatable pool (2-4 p.m.), Summer Camp registration, free food and much more. For more information, call Diane Erb, Physical Director at 314-353-4960. Sponsored by: Carondelet YMCA.

MS Walk

Kircher Park

Williams Rd (near I-44)

Eureka, MO 63025

11:00 a.m.– Registration

12:00 p.m. – Walk starts

Join as an individual, join a team, or create a team – and help to support the fight against Multiple Sclerosis. For more information, call the Mike Marek at 314-781-9020.

MS Walk

Arnold City Park

Bradley Beach Rd

Arnold, MO 63010

11:00 a.m.– Registration

12:00 p.m. – Walk starts

Join as an individual, join a team, or create a team – and help to support the fight against Multiple Sclerosis. For more information, call the Mike Marek at 314-781-9020.

April 15, 2007

Hispanic Diversity Career Fair & Resource Fair

St. Cecilia Church

5418 Louisiana Ave.

St. Louis, MO 63111

10:00 a.m.– Noon

Expect over 50 participating companies, door prizes, great networking, and overwhelming opportunities! For more information, call the Diversity Career Network at 314-452-6139 or email to HispanicCareer@yahoo.com. Web site: www.DiversityCareerNetworkSTL.com.

MS Walk

Shaw Park

Brentwood Blvd

Clayton, MO 63105

11:00 a.m.– Registration

12:00 p.m. – Walk starts (in front of the Brown Shoe Building)

Join as an individual, join a team, or create a team – and help to support the fight against Multiple Sclerosis. For more information, call the Mike Marek at 314-781-9020.

MS Walk

Capaha Park

Broadway & West End Blvd

Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

12:00 p.m.– Registration

1:00 p.m. – Walk starts

Join as an individual, join a team, or create a team – and help to support the fight against Multiple Sclerosis. For more information, call the Sharon Hileman at 573-334-1777.

April 17, 2007

Elder Abuse: Legal Issues and Case Studies

Alzheimer's Association

9374 Olive Blvd

St. Louis, MO 63132

12:00 p.m.– 1:30 p.m.

Join us for a review of current legal issues facing the elder population and an overview of changes in the past year. Discuss case studies about elder abuse issues such as fraud and identity theft, and gain direction on what can be done to protect the interests of those we serve. Advance registration is required; lunch will be served. For more information, call Jennifer Phillips at 314-801-0414. Sponsored by: Alzheimer's Association.

April 18, 2007

St. Joseph Breakfast Club for Alzheimer's Association

Francis Street United Methodist Church

12th & Faraon

St. Joseph, MO 64501

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

A hometown support experience where people gather in a safe environment and where support is provided in a round table way. Cost is \$5.00.

For more information, call Brenda Gregg at 816-364-4467 or brenda.gregg@alz.org. Sponsored by: Alzheimer's Association.

Hispanic Grandparents Support Group (South City)

Catholic Family Services

2647 Ohio

St. Louis, MO 63118

10:00 a.m.– Noon

Held the 3rd Wednesday every month. Newcomers are welcome! For more information, call Claudia Angenor at 314-752-1901 ext. 17.

April 19, 2007

A Healthy Retirement

A Northland Men's Wellness Breakfast

UAW Ford Family Center

9600 NE 79th St.

Kansas City North, MO 64158

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

This is a free event for Northland older adult men (and their spouses). Guest speakers are Ryan Lefebvre (Royals play-by-play announcer) and Leonard Hock, M.D. (of Grace Hospice and Fox 4). Seating is limited and, reservations are mandatory. For more information and reservations, call Sally Kneibert at 816-468-0400 Ext. 153. Sponsored by: Tri-County Mental Health Older Adult Services, UAW Ford Family Center, The Foundation on Aging, Grace Hospice, and Response Link with support of the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City.

April 20, 2007

Alcohol: An Issue That Leads to Child Abuse

New Sunny Mount Missionary Baptist Church

Arthur Walker Educational Building

4700 W. Florissant

St. Louis, MO 63115

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Topics of discussion are Alcohol and Child Abuse to commemorate Alcohol Awareness Month and Child Abuse Awareness Month. For more information, call Linda Mackey at 314-340-7089 or email at Linda.J.Mackey@dss.mo.gov.

Power To End Stroke Gospel Tour

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church

1444 S. Compton

St. Louis, MO 63104

5:00 p.m. – Free Health Screenings

7:00 p.m. – Musical Celebration

The Tour will feature celebrity guest Black Entertainment Television Host Dr. Bobby Jones of the Bobby Jones Gospel who will tie in the awareness and knowledge of living a heart healthy lifestyle. Local choirs, soloist, groups, and guest speaker will also be in attendance. Free blood pressure, cholesterol, and glucose screening will be provided. For more information, call Brenda Johnson at 314-692-5639. Sponsored by: American Heart Association and St. Louis Fire Department.

April 21, 2007

St. Louis Annual Asthma Walk

"Blow the Whistle on Asthma"

Forest Park (Cricket Field)

St. Louis, MO

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

For more information, please call Michael Aitken at 314-645-5505 or email at maitken@lungmo.org. Sponsored by American Lung Association.

MS Walk

Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area

1615 Business Loop 70 W

Columbia, MO 65202

11:00 a.m. – Registration

12:00 p.m. – Walk starts

Join as an individual, join a team, or create a team – and help to support the fight against Multiple Sclerosis. For more information, call the Heather Gaehle at 314-781-9020.

Walk of America-March of Dimes

St. Joseph Hyde Park

Mason Rd. and 4th St.

St. Joseph, MO 64504

For more information, call the March of Dimes local office at 816-238-8707.

Movimiento y Diversion

Proctor Park

Highway 87 South

California, MO 65018

3:30 p.m.

Explore and practice different physical activities and sports. For more information, call Myriam Dominguez at 573-632-6629. Sponsored by: Hispanic Heritage Group.

Happy Life-Healthy Living and Long Life

Pioneer College Campus

2700 E. 18th St.

Kansas City, MO 64127

3:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Health Fair

6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Evening Traditional Event

For more information, call Nhuong Tran at 816-889-3170 or email vackc@yahoo.com. Sponsored by the Vietnamese American Community of Greater Kansas City.

April 22, 2007

Power To End Stroke Gospel Tour

Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church

2411 E. 27th St.

Kansas City, MO 64127

4:00 p.m. – Screenings

6:00 p.m. – Gospel Event

Free Event, Sponsored by American Heart Association. For more information, call Dione Banks at 785-228-3443.

Walk of America – March of Dimes

Memorial Park

111 Memorial Park Dr.

Jefferson City, MO 65109

For more information, call the March of Dimes local office at 573-635-5350.

April 23, 2007

Live Life Get Fit

Presented by Myron Frye

Robert J. Mohart Multipurpose FOCUS Center

3200 Wayne

Kansas City, MO 64109

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

For more information, call Martina Bowden at 816-784-4540.

April 24, 2007

Alzheimer Association

Presented by Clemme Rambo

Robert J. Mohart Multipurpose FOCUS Center

3200 Wayne

Kansas City, MO 64109

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

For more information, call Martina Bowden at 816-784-4540.

Missouri Pain Initiative

Presented by Ann Corley

Robert J. Mohart Multipurpose FOCUS Center

3200 Wayne

Kansas City, MO 64109

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

For more information, call Martina Bowden at 816-784-4540.

April 25, 2007

Health Screenings by Black Nurses Association

Robert J. Mohart Multipurpose FOCUS Center

3200 Wayne

Kansas City, MO 64109

8:00 a.m. – Noon

For more information, call Martina Bowden at 816-784-4540.

April 26, 2007

Love in the Land of Dementia

Columbia United Church of Christ

3201 I-70 Dr., NW

Columbia, MO 65202

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

A workshop for family members and professionals who provide care and comfort to persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Presenters of national and international acclaim will lead audience participants into the land of dementia, discovering love and hope in the midst of despair and frustration. Storytelling, role-playing and lecture will be followed by lively group discussion. A \$20 registration fee includes lunch and materials. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to request a registration brochure, call the Alzheimer's Association Mid-Missouri Chapter at 573-443-8665.

KC Free Health Clinic

Presented by Sherbert Harvey
Robert J. Mohart Multipurpose FOCUS Center
3200 Wayne
Kansas City, MO 64109
10:00 a.m. – Noon
For more information, call Martina Bowden at 816-784-4540.

Health Screenings

Swope Parkway Services
All five locations
Kansas City, MO 64109
a.m. –
For more information, call Marquita Brockman Taylor at 816-922-7645, ext. 6317.

April 27, 2007

American Heart Association-Stroke Campaign

Robert J. Mohart Multipurpose FOCUS Center
3200 Wayne
Kansas City, MO 64109
10:00 a.m. – Noon
For more information, call Martina Bowden at 816-784-4540.

April 28, 2007

Walk of America- March of Dimes

Franklin County/Washington
Washington City Park
1220 S. Lakeshore Dr.
Washington, MO 63090
For more information, call the March of Dimes local office at 314-646-8601.

Walk of America-March of Dimes

Phelps Grove Park
1000 East Bennett
Springfield, MO 65804
For more information, call the March of Dimes local office at 417-889-9397.

Walk of America-March of Dimes

St. Louis-Forest Park
The Muny
Lower Muny Parking Lot
St. Louis, MO 63112
For more information, call the March of Dimes local office at 314-646-8601.

Walk of America-March of Dimes

Dexter/Stoddard County
West City Park
418 W. Business Highway 60
Dexter, MO 63841
For more information, call the March of Dimes local office at 573-651-6033.

Caring for the Caregiver Conference

St. Joseph Medical Center
Community Center for Health and Education
1000 Carondelet Dr.
Kansas City, MO 64114
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
This is a conference for caregivers of those individuals with Alzheimer's. For more information, call Clemme Rambo, Heart of America Alzheimer's Association at 816-361-6604.

Honor Our Children: Protecting Our Children, Protecting Our Future A Day of Education to End Child Abuse

El Centro's Academy for Children
1330 S. 30th St.
Kansas City, KS 66106
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
This event commemorates Child Abuse Prevention Month and targets Spanish speaking families in Kansas City. Parents will participate in two education seminars; one will discuss the impacts of physical and emotional abuse, and the other will focus on child sexual abuse prevention. Bi-lingual staff and volunteers from various organizations will be on site to answer questions and provide information about community resources for children and families. All families are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, call Yamel Medina at 816-960-7111. Sponsored by: El

Centro Inc., Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault, Migrant Parents Advisory Council, and Mujeres Unidas Saliendo Adelante.

Health Fair

Seton Center Family & Health
2816 E. 23rd St.
Kansas City, MO 64127
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

There will be free blood work screenings, dental screenings, HIV screenings, educational health information, giveaways and food. For more information, call Brenda Lasater at 816-231-3955 ext. 117 or email to blasater@setonkc.org. Sponsored by: Seton Center Family Health and Cover the Uninsured Coalition.

Healthy Living Workshop and Health Fair

Sponsored by Central Minority Health Alliance
Columbia/Boone County Health Department
1005 W. Worley
Columbia, MO 65203
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Health information, exercise demonstrations, health screenings and activities for children will be provided. For more information, call Carla Johnson or Denise Redmon at 573-874-7356, or email Kathy Davenport at kdavenport@fhcmo.org about the health fair. Sponsored by: Central Minority Health Alliance, Family Health Center, and Columbia/Boone County Health Department.

Sickle Cell Awareness Day

Glory Lincoln Community Center
229 Westgate
Sikeston, MO 63801
11:00 a.m.

For more information, call Bishop Charles Green at 573-471-5217.

Vitality, Vim and Vigor (3Vs)

3Vs Family Activities Fair

Hand In Hand Center
1436 W. Hover St.
Springfield, MO 65803
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This is a free event to promote safe family activities and community resources for more active healthy lifestyles. For more information or to find out about on-going 3Vs health parties, call Julie Humphrey at 417-879-8500. Sponsored by: Hand In Hand Ministries Center.

April 29, 2007

Testoscesto Scoutre

555 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63101
5:00 p.m.

This is a male fashion show with a health fair context for the African American community regarding breast cancer, diabetes, arthritis, and prostate cancer. For more information, call Roxanna Parker at 314-489-8286.

MULTI-DAY EVENTS

January 2007 – July 2008

ESP 1908 Centennial Walk

Jamestown Mall St. Louis Galleria Mall
175 Jamestown Mall and 1155 St. Louis Galleria
Florissant, MO 63034 St. Louis, MO 63117

Every Saturday
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Members are walking every Saturday morning for one hour. This activity is part of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Gamma Omega Chapter's new health resource management initiative in an effort to prevent strokes and also Enthusiastically Shed Pounds. Each member pledges to walk 1908 miles between January 2007 and July 2008, which is the equivalent of three miles. The conclusion of the Centennial Walk will be held in July of 2008 when members of the sorority will make a ceremonial walk into Washington, DC where Alpha Kappa Alpha was founded in 1908. For more information, call Mrs. Vera Atkinson, Local Chapter President at 314-741-1170 or Ms. Leonor Buchanan, Vice President at 314-434-9057.

April 2-4, 2007

6th Annual Conference Cambio de colores-Change of Colors

Latinos in Missouri: Everyone Together – Todos juntos

Marriott Country Club Plaza
4445 Main St.

Kansas City, MO 64111

This conference is the leading event regarding immigrants and integration of newcomers in Missouri and the Midwest. For more information, go to www.cambio.missouri.edu.

April 2-8, 2007

National Public Health Week

April 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2007

Padres Activos de Hoy (Parenting With Love and Logic)

Hand In Hand Center
1436 W. Hovey St.

Springfield, MO 65803

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

A Spanish version and an English version will be provided in separate rooms. For more information, call Dr. Judith Gonzalez at 417-879-8500.

Sponsored by: Hand In Hand Ministries Center.

April 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, and 26, 2007

Puertas a la Salud

Bootheel Community Homes

Bootheel Missouri area

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

These are educational health chats with the community in their homes where the guests are the homeowner's relatives and friends. For more information, call Guadalupe Eguia, Outreach Coordinator at 573-717-1794. Sponsored by: SEMO Health Network

April 9-10, 2007

Obesity Prevention in Children Grades K to 7

Centro Latino de Salud, Educacion y Culturo

206 Austin Ave., Suite G

Columbia, MO 65203

5:00 p.m. (During the After School Program.)

Latino children will be introduced to a vegetarian diet. There will be a brief presentation about the benefits of a vegetarian diet. For more information, call Eduardo Crespi at 573-268-9533. Sponsored by: Columbia Food Bank.

April 13-14, 2007

Missouri Adult Day Care Association Conference

Adult Day Services: Nurturing Relationships

Courtyard by Marriott

3301 LeMone Industrial Blvd

Columbia, MO 65201

8:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Meet and Greet

7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Conference

This conference is designed for directors, nurses, activity directors and all staff of adult day services centers for networking, education and idea building. Registration fee: \$50 for members and \$75 for non-members. For more information, call the MO Adult Day Care Association office at 573-634-3566. Sponsored by: Missouri Alliance of Area Agencies on Aging (MAA).

April 13-15, 2007

The Spirit of St. Louis Marathon and Family Fitness Weekend

11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Friday, April 13 – Health & Fitness Expo

Adam's Mark Hotel

4th St. and Chestnut

St. Louis, MO 63102

7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Saturday, April 14 - Family Fitness Events in Forest Park

7:30 a.m. 5K Run/Walk (Includes Middle School students participating in the Read, Right, & Run Marathon.)

8:45 a.m. Read, Right & Run Marathon (Elementary School students – 1.2 miles)

9:30 a.m. Children's Fun Runs (Diaper Dash, 50 yd Dash, 100 yd Dash, etc.)

10:00 a.m. Mature Mile (Adults 60+ walking one mile)

Read, Right & Run Marathon at Cricket field in Forest Park

7:30 a.m. start – Middle School students, grades 6-8 who run the 5K

8:45 a.m. start – grades K-5

7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 15 – Fitness Events

7:00 a.m. start - Spirit of St. Louis Marathon (26.2 miles), Half Marathon (13.1 miles), and Marathon Relay

7:00 a.m. start – All Walkers (behind runners)

6:55 a.m. start - Wheelchairs

For more information, call the St. Louis Marathon office in Clayton at 314-727-0800 or register on line at www.stlouismarathon.com.

April 15-22, 2007

National Minority Cancer Awareness Week

April 17-18, 2007

Health Equity: Achieving and Ensuring Access to Care

Kauffman Foundation Conference Center

4801 Rockhill Rd

Kansas City, MO

Register early, space is limited. For more information, go to http://muconf.missouri.edu/health_equity.

April 20-21, 2007

Latino/Hispanic Leaders Retreat

Hand In Hand Office

Multipurpose Room at First Baptist Church

525 South St.

Springfield, MO 65806

4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on April 20

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on April 21

The focus of this retreat is to discuss how and what to do to help Latino families develop a healthier lifestyle. For more information, call Dr. Judith R. Gonzalez, Julie Humphrey or Hazael Rodriguez at 417-879-8500. Sponsored by: Hand In Hand Ministries Center.

April 22-24, 2007

36th Midwest Symposium on Therapeutic Recreation and Adapted Physical Activity

Sheraton Westport Lakeside Chalet

191 Westport Plaza Dr.

St. Louis, MO 63146

For more information, go to http://muconf.missouri.edu/midwest_symposium.

April 22 and 29, 2007

Health Fair and Screenings

Jamison Memorial Temple Baptist Church

3115 E. Linwood Blvd

Kansas City, MO 64128

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Receive health education materials, screenings for High Blood Pressure, Glucose and BMI measurements. For more information, call Jovanna Thompson at 816-921-8126. Sponsored by Healthy Initiatives Project, Kansas City Chronic Disease Coalition, Black Health Care Coalition, American Heart Association, and University Extension.

April 24-27, 2007

Health Fair

Tuesday, 203 S. Broad St., Parma, MO 63870

Wednesday, Steele, MO 63877

Thursday, 930 Poplar, Campbell, MO 63933

Friday, 505 W. Marshall, Charleston, MO 63834

Health literacy information, health promotion activities, and disease screening will be provided. For more information, call Bobbi Morris at 573-651-5980 or 573-651-5902. Sponsored by: S.H.O.W. Mobile and Southeast Missouri State University.

April 25-27, 2007

African American HIV/AIDS Prevention Instructor Training

American Red Cross

211 W. Armour Blvd

Kansas City, MO

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Daily

This course will train individuals to facilitate factually, accurately, non-judgmentally and appropriate HIV/AIDS prevention education sessions with African Americans and multi-cultural groups. Dual certification may be obtained upon successful completion. For more information, go to <http://www.kcredcross.org/training/Instructors>. Sponsored by: American Red Cross.

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